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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

ATTENTION : [ ] SA/DD/I

SUBJECT : State Strategic Studies Group (S/P-SSG) to Examine  
U. S. Strategy in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia,  
Venezuela

1. Confirming telephone conversations with [ ] 20 and 21  
March, I enclose herewith six sets of the following papers:

a. Letter from Mr. Rostow to Mr. Helms dated 9 March 1962  
which Mr. Helms handed CWH and the undersigned after Mr. Helms  
had attended the meeting of 14 March;

b. Memorandum dated 26 February 1962 (Confidential)  
Subject: "Alliance for Progress Strategic Studies Group -  
General Statement and Questionnaire";

c. Letter from Mr. Helms to Mr. Rostow appointing the under-  
signed this Agency's central point of contact for the SSG;

d. Letter dated 14 March 1962 from Mr. David Raynolds,  
Coordinator of the S/P-SSG, to Mr. Helms;

e. Progress Report No. 1, dated 16 March 1962 (note that  
Agency attendance is not listed).

2. It is our view that this project is primarily overt, involving  
operational factors here only indirectly, and therefore falls into the  
general category of State policy papers coordinated by both the DD/I and  
the DD/P. I therefore suggest that you may want to appoint country points  
of contact within the DD/I, and advise both Mr. Raynolds (Code 182,  
Extension 2139) and myself who they are. Mr. Raynolds has already con-  
firmed to me that the S/P-SSG is regularly receiving such NIE's, NIS's,  
CIW's, CID's, Bulletins, and such other regular DD/I disseminations, as  
it requires. He will be in touch with [ ]  
[ ]-7E32 Headquarters Building) and the undersigned for any further  
requirements.

WH Executive Officer

Attachments

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
THE COUNSELOR  
WASHINGTON

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March 9, 1962

Dear Dick:

As you know, the President has asked that renewed, urgent emphasis be put on the Alliance for Progress. In one effort toward this end, the Policy Planning Council of the Department of State has established a Strategic Studies Group (S/P-SSG) which will examine United States strategy in selected Latin American countries, looking several years ahead, and at the possible contribution of each instrument of national policy.

This exercise will obviously require close interdepartmental cooperation. Your participation would be appreciated at a meeting to be held in Room 7261 at the Department of State on Wednesday, March 14, at 10:15 o'clock. At that time you will have an opportunity to meet the members of the Strategic Studies Group and informally discuss with them the nature of the operation and the manner in which it will both need the help and best serve the needs of your organization. A list of other participating organizations is enclosed.

The Coordinator of the S/P-SSG, Mr. David R. Reynolds, may be reached at DUDley 3-4535 to confirm your receipt of this invitation.

Sincerely yours,

*[Signature]*

W. W. Rostow

Enclosure:

List of Agencies.

Mr. Richard M. Helms,  
Deputy Director (Plans),  
Central Intelligence Agency,  
Washington, D. C.

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The Central Intelligence Agency  
The Department of Defense  
The Department of the Treasury  
The Department of Agriculture  
The Department of Commerce  
The United States Information Agency  
The Bureau of the Budget  
The Export-Import Bank  
The Federal Reserve Board